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Saunterings in Virginia.

Virginia is a great State—a remark you have probably heard before—great in its broad limits, its various wealth; but, above all, great, richly, humorously great, in its strange and varied types of humanity. The Eastern low-lander is as different from the West Virginia mountaineer as the Hollander is from the German of the Rhine. Of course I speak of the laboring classes, who have no resemblance, in manners, customs and ways, to their compatriots, separated only by hill and vale, and not much of that. Indeed, the Pickwick Club would have found infinite variety in a jaunt through our State, and its burly president himself would have encountered a half dozen Jingles and a score of Job Trotters, not to hint even of the number of fair Miss Rachels.

The Blackwater and Nitoway section is that part of Virginia lying contiguous to North Carolina, and the inhabitants of these border counties naturally resemble their neighbors across the way, and are more Carolinians than Virginians. Close to this place, from which I am writing, lies Southampton county, the scene of Nat Turner's insurrection. Near the county seat, in the little village of Jerusalem, lived in 1832 a Mr. Turner, a well-to-do farmer, and owner of this arch spirit of the conspiracy.

Nat Turner, named after his master, was a common field hand, but a man of great will and some natural ability. He had taught himself the alphabet, and had learned to spell out the easy verses and then a religious fanatic, whose influence among the ignorant, superstitious negroes became potent and all powerful. He believed himself the chosen instrument of God to liberate his brethren from bondage, and fully possessed of this idea, he conceived in his half-crazed, erratic brain the most daring and diabolical plot on record.

It was this: On the last of the month the slaves were to rise at midnight and kill every white person in their reach, sparing neither age, sex, rank nor condition. Every detail was arranged accurately, and such was the ascendancy of Nat Turner over his followers that not one betrayed him out of the large number drawn into his plan. How many this army amounted to has never been known, but the ramifications of the plot extended into several counties. The faithful time drew near. The negroes held their night meeting under guise of religious revivals, and completed the arrangements for the massacre. The fearful arm was raised, and the blow about to fall on the unsuspecting victims. The time, as was mentioned above, was the last Sunday in the month. It so happened that that particular month had five Sundays, instead of four, which Nat, in his dense ignorance providentially took to be the case, but which was known to be otherwise by house servants, and others better informed than he.

And so, unsuspected by him regard to time, which in God's mercy served to weaken the force of the blow about to fall. On the fourth Sunday, therefore, at midnight, Nat Turner, with a small gang, commenced his bloody work. His master's family all fell victims to the holocaust, and from thence the murderers proceeded to adjoining plantations, slaying as they went. In every case the fearful suddenness of the crime aided its success; it was in the hour when slumber and quiet were deepest, when "sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care," was pressed on weary eyelids, when none save the sick and wretched waked—then it was the fiends plied their fiendish task. Stealthily making their way to bedchambers with the axe and hatchet—for the gang feared to use firearms—they fell as unwisely where the rushing flood would dry the golden locks of childhood as where the whitened locks of age laced the resting head. None were spared; neither the old nor the babe on the breast; neither the maiden in the flush of youth, nor strong manhood with athletic frames and corded muscles, all relaxed and defenseless in deep unconscious sleep.

At last came blessed day, and while the dawn showed the terrible work done in darkness, it yet brought heaven-sent relief. The people had become aroused, alarmed, and the news borne as it were on the pinions of the wind, startled them to a sense of fearful peril. Each, unknowing the extent of threatened danger, prepared to defend his home.

A little after sunrise Nat Turner and his party went to the house of a Mr. Blount, and entering the gate were fired upon by the inmates. Two were killed, and this, the first, ended the insurrection. Nat found himself deserted by his friends, and like them sought the swamp and woods for concealment.

He was tracked to a cave, where for some time he made a lair, and arrested, hanging following in due form and as a matter of course, certainly in most righteous retribution unless we are driven to the conclusion that such mild fate was too good for him. Had he lived to these latter days—Oh! let us see! how different! Side by side with noble, misguided John Brown, who went into the mad daring business, his soul would have been kept on an eternal tramp, somewhat fatiguing to the spirit, and might imagine! and loyal armies would have shouted the refrain that still kept the soul marching on, never suggesting one word of heaven, but adoring the name forever.

Had he lived in these our newly constructed times, what then? Of how much "bull dozing" could Nat Turner have been the victim? Over the bodies of the two shot men Mrs. Eliza Pickens would have swooned and gentle hearted Chaudlers would have lifted hands of holy horror and amazement. Troops of Presidential handiwork would have been sent to quell the riot, especially in voting times, and administration republicans would have loved this Turner as a brother. Had the odds of justice to be subserved, fear—not oh, gentle readers—a sympathizing and appreciative President would stand ready to pardon—and make him—well Bony Extraordinary, Minister Plenipotentiary, Collector of Internal Revenue, or Judge of the Supreme Court.

In this section, where I stay a day or two, old women talk long hours in the night, of Nat's rising, and tell in blood curdling tones, how they watched the long nights through, listening fearfully for a strange foot step, and shuddering at a chance noise. For years afterward, mothers would hush their fretful babes to rest with the mention of that fearful name of Nat. Turner.

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Do you want to get rid of Biliousness?
Do you want something to strengthen you?
Do you want a good appetite?
Do you want to get rid of nervousness?
Do you want good digestion?
Do you want to sleep well?
Do you want to build up your constitution?
Do you want a brisk and vigorous feeling?
If you do, take

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Is harmless,
Is no drastic violent medicine,
Is sure to cure if taken regularly,
Is no intoxicating beverage,
Is a faultless family medicine,
Is the easiest medicine in the world,
Is given with safety and the happiest results to the most delicate infant.
Does not interfere with business,
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Takes the place of Quinine and Bitters of every kind.
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ASK the recovered Dyspeptics, Bilious sufferers, victims of Fever and Ague, the mercurial diseased patient, how they recovered health, cheerful spirits and good appetite—they will tell you by taking Simmons' Liver Regulator.

The cheapest, purest and best family medicine in the world.
It contains four medical elements, never united in the same happy proportion in any other preparation, viz: a gentle Cathartic, a wonderful Tonic, an unexceptionable Alterative and a certain corrective of all impurities of the body. Such signal success has attended its use, that it is now regarded as the

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For all Diseases of the Liver, Stomach and Spleen.
As a Remedy in Malarial Fevers, Bowel Complaints, Dyspepsia, Mental Depression, Restlessness, Jaundice, Nausea, Sick Headache, Colic, Constipation and Biliousness.

IT HAS NO EQUAL.

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Macon, Ga. and Philadelphia.
Your valuable medicine, Simmons' Liver Regulator, has saved me many doctors' bills. I use it for everything it is recommended and never knew it to fail; I have used it in Colic and Grubbs with my Mules and Horses, giving them about half a bottle at a time. I have not lost every one that I gave it to. You can recommend it to every one that has stock as being the best medicine known for all complaints that horse flesh is heir to.
E. T. TAYLOR,
Agent for Grangers of Georgia.

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Feb 10

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20 boxes genuine B. F. Gray's
50 boxes 8 oz. Twist, Danville
25 boxes do, stock 1874, price Danville
40 boxes 4 oz. do.
40 boxes 1 1/2 inch Plug, 40c and Danville
Pancakes, Pocket Pipes, Pig Tail, Natural Bricks, Black Navy and other brands, very low to the trade.
JOHN A. FIELD,
71 King street.
Feb 21

W. B. WADDEY,

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from us. Our stock is now in, and never before was more complete in every respect than at present. Almost every desirable style of

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can be found in our stock; and as for quality and price that will compare favorably with those of the Northern cities.

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Doan's, Smith's Aromatic Myrrh, Balm Thousand Flowers, Oriental Tooth Paste, Lyon's Tooth Tablets, Farnham's French Tooth Lozenges, Brown's, Thurston's, White's, Wells' and Williams' Tooth Powders; also a fine assortment of English Tooth Brushes, for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

BACON!

Small Sugar-cured Breakfast Pieces, Slices, Unsalted Hams and Unsalted Bacon.

W. A. JOHNSON

25 N. E. cor. Cameron and Royal sts

CHOICE MESS MACKEREL;

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SULPHATE OF LIME, a fine chemical, used

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REDUCED PRICES!

AND

10 Cents on each Dollar and Upwards Deduction for the Cash.

Stock larger than any in the city, well assorted and marked at the Reduced Prices.

Orders will receive our prompt attention, and if goods sent do not prove satisfactory they can be returned at our expense.

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dec 19

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Nos. 79 & 145 King street, Alexandria, Va.

Physicians' Prescriptions accurately compounded DAY or NIGHT at No. 79. Night bell at the King street door.

Orders and inquiries from the country promptly attended to at No. 145. oct 9-4

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good will of the DRUG STORE formerly occupied by Mr. C. B. Grigg, at the northwest corner of King and Royal streets, we have thoroughly refitted and renovated the same, and supplied it with a FIRST CLASS STOCK of

NEEDS, and propose to carry it on as a branch of our establishment at No. 145 King street. The branch store will be under the charge of Mr. C. J. W. SUMMERS, whom we have associated with us in business, and who will be prepared to compound Physicians' Prescriptions, or dispense medicines at any hour of the day or night.

Night bell at the King street door.

oct 9-4

WARFIELD & HALL,

COR. PRINCE & FAIRFAX STS.

Prescriptions a specialty. English, French, German and Domestic Toilet Soaps; Genuine Farina Cologne; Magnolia, Hydrosmia, Germania and Florida Water; Genuine Lubin's Extracts; Sponges, Hair Brushes and Combs; best English Tooth Brushes; a full assortment of Patent Medicines; Cox's Gelatine; Corn Starch; Sea Moss Farina; Spices of all kinds, and a select stock of all articles sold by druggists at prices as low as the same quality can be obtained elsewhere.

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Rico Molasses and Golden Syrup for sale

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DRY GOODS.

GO TO THE

GREAT COMBINATION STORE.

THEY ARE TAKING STOCK AND

CLOSING OUT

AT A

GREAT SACRIFICE.

[dec 20-4]

CLOSING SALES OF WINTER STOCK.

From 10 to 15 per cent. Reduction. Blankets, Quilts, Comforts and Cloaks at Cost. Thursday, December 28, 1876.

We take account of stock to 1st February, 1877, and from to-day we offer all styles of FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS at such reduced prices as to ensure quick sales. Special inducements offered to country merchants. We sell at Baltimore quotations.

D. F. BRASHEAR,

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NEW AND CHEAP DRESS GOODS.

December 22, 1876.

We received to day a new style of Cheap Dress Goods, viz: PORTIA, PEEBLES and BAGSHAW, and sell them at 12 1/2 per yard—very desirable. We have a few very handsome CLOAKS in stock, which we sell at about cost.

D. F. BRASHEAR,

H. B. Hoopes, No. 100 King street, Alexandria, Va.

SHIRTS OF MASONVILLE COTTON.

1800, Linen in Bosoms and Laundered, at \$1.25. A job lot of 20 boxes just received. The cheapest Shirt we have ever sold.

dec 22

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

NECK WEAR AT REDUCED PRICES.

Just opened SCARFS that we have been selling at \$1.75 reduced so that we can sell them at \$1.37 1/2.

dec 22

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

THE FEW CLOAKS STILL ON HAND

MUST BE SOLD.

and you can buy almost at YOUR OWN PRICE.

As we do not intend to carry over one single Cloak if price will sell them.

DRESS GOODS AT CLOSING PRICES, and TEN CENTS OFF ON EACH DOLLAR for the cash.

dec 21

H. C. SLAYMAKER CO.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE OUT

the balance of our stock of Winter Goods at a large REDUCTION IN PRICE. We name in part—

New Dark Shades of Twilled half wool Cashmeres at 20c, present price 25c; Tycoon Repts at 15c; all Cassimeres and Waterproofs marked down 15 per cent; balance of Cloaks at cost.

Blankets very cheap; Domestic Goods at bottom prices. We have lately received largelines of FANCY GOODS and are ready for Christmas.

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dec 19 144 King street.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

A large assortment of double width (36 inch) all Wool Cashmere, worth 75c, at 62c.

Blank all Wool Cashmere, worth \$1, at 75c.

Stripped all Wool Goods for Polonaises at 25c.

1000 yards of Simpson's Solid Black Calico, in remnants, at 6c per yard.

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Cassimeres for Men and Boys' wear at 37 1/2 up. Fine all Wool Shawls, Blankets, &c.

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A full line of Gents' and Ladies' Underwear.

A large and complete stock of Notions, Hosiery, &c.

nov 18

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EXTRA SUPERIOR INGRAIN CARPETS, and Tapestry and Brussels do. for halls and stairs; also a large assortment of Velvet and Tapestry Mats and Rugs. Door Mats in every style, and Floor Oil Cloths from 4 to 16 quarters. Inspection invited.

nov 13

D. F. WITMER.

J. M. STEWART

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A fine line of SKIRTING FLANNELS, yard wide, of all grades, some all wool and of the finest quality.

HEAVY ENGLISH GRAPE VEILS.

Also a large lot of CRUMPLED CLOTHS, a sizes and very rich patterns and colors.

oct 18

CARPETINGS! CARPETINGS!

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D. F. WITMER'S,

Who is now prepared to offer all grades of

INGRAIN,

THREE-PLY and

TAPESTRY CARPETINGS,

OIL CLOTHS,

MATS and RUGS,

at prices that cannot fail to please.

aug 21

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!—New, Beautiful, Rare and Unique Goods for the Holidays now opening at

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A great variety of Games for the little folk and many other things too numerous to mention.

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